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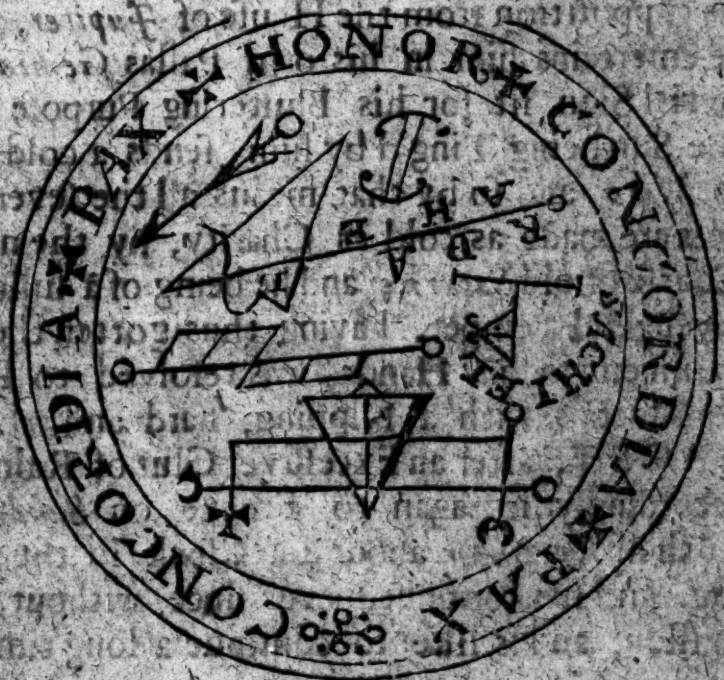
Mr. Patridge's Judgment and Opinion of this FROST.

Foretelling how long it is like to continue, according to the Rules of *Astrology*. To which is added, a Pleasant POEM on the Cold Planets that Occasion'd it. With Remarks thereupon, and Caution to all Persons that goes on the *Thames*.



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Dr. *PATRITDGES* Judgmen

Upon the Present

FROST.

IT was obſerveable at the beginning of this preſent Froſt, that the Freezing Planet *Saturn* having chil'd the Sun by an Oppoſition, and *Jupiter* by a Trine; the next Day after *Chriſtmas* being Loaded with cold violent and Moiſt Rays, he mixes his Fridgid Beams with Changeable *Mercury*, who like our M dern Turn Coats loving to be on the ſtrongeſt Side: Chearfully lends him his Oppoſition from the Houſe of *Jupiter*, while he entertains him in his own Pallas *Gemini*, an Aerial Sign fit for his Bluſtering Purpoſe; and the Sun being Ting'd by him ſends a cold Blaſt to *Mars*, and ſo by that means all the ſeven Planets are made as cold as Charity, by the natural Courſe of old *Saturn*; and he being of a ſullen and revengeful Temper, having thus gotten the Government in his Hands, was reſolved to Plague all Mortals with a Nipping, hard and Laſting FROST, after an Exceſſive Glut of Rain, and accordingly it began to Freeze on *Sunday* the 26th of *December* about 4 a Clock in the Morning, and has continued ever ſince without Intermiſſion, and is like to continue a long time, by the

the Reason all the Planets are chill'd and Ting'd by *Saturns* cold Influence, the like having not been known since the hard and remarkable Frost that began in the same Month, and almost in the same manner in the Year 1683, now just 25 years since, which continued with extraordinary Violence till the middle of *February* following intermix'd now and then with Snow and Sleet.

During the time of that Dreadful *Frost*, there was Nightly seen a strange and amazing Blazing *Star*, which passed through almost all the Twelve Signs which undoubtedly agravated the Violence of the Weather; and tho' there has not yet been seen such an astonishing Sight in the Heavens, yet the seven Planets from all Quarters seem to threaten the same Weather, and the rather, because the place of *Saturn* now, is in extile to his place then, and 5 of the seven, either in Trine or Sextile to the place of the great Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* that happen'd a little before that dreadful Frost began.

But here the Planets being in moist Constellation, we must expect much more Snow than attended that Frost, tho by *Saturns* Union with the other Planets as above mention'd, I think it may Freeze as hard before the Frost leaves us, as it did then; with this difference, (which adds to its Fury) the Wind will blow harder, and keep more fix'd to the North East, and the Reason is, because *Saturn* was at the beginning of this Frost in the House of *Mercury* who naturally delights in Winds, as well as in all manner of

Extreams; Especially when conceth'd with such violent Stars as he is now. So that 'tis like to be very severe and Prejudicial in its Consequences to all Travellers both by Sea and Land, and the rather because old *Saturn* is with a violent fix'd Star of the Nature of *Mars* and *Mercury* at the time of its Commencement.

About Friday or Saturday, being the 6th and 7th Days of *January*, there may be some small Alteration by the Motion of the Moon to the Square of the Sun; Which will seem as if 'twould be a general Thaw, but on the Sunday following it will Freeze again with more Violence than before, and continue with extream Fury for 10 Days together, and afterwards more or less, all this Month till the second Day of *February* next, at which time *Mercury* and the Sun coming to a Conjunction, and Saturn in Trine with the Sun, and *Jupiter* in Trine with the Sun and *Mercury*, and Mars in Trine with Mercury, and Jupiter, all in moderate Places of Heaven doth certainly denote a suddain Thaw and violent Rain; which will occasion a dreadful and dangerous Flood and Inundation, not only in several Parts of *England* but many Parts of *Europe*, to the great Damage of many poor People, whose Unhappiness it is to Live where those dreadful Irruptions and unkind Descents of Water happens. It also Denotes the Breaking down of many Eminent Bridges. Drowning of Cellars, and throwing Down of Banks, and overflowing of the Countries, Drowning not only Cattel of all Sorts; but I fear

Men

Men Women and Children in a dreadful and amazing manner.

I will not be positive that the *River Thames* will be so hard Frozen as it was in the Year 1683, because the Spring-Tide happening just as the Frost began, will undoubted dispeice the Floats of Ice, and consequently keep the River more open than it did at that time, because then it began at the greatest Ebb, and was fixed before the Spring Tides advanced to any Considerable trength.

However notwithstanding all this, we shall be sufficiently made amends by the fine and Glorious Weather that will follow it, Producing an extraordinary and forward Spring, insomuch that the beginning of *March* will look like the middle of *May* for comfortable Warmth, yielding Plenty of all things necessary for the Life of Man.

There was a time when I advertised the World against those kind of little Books, I mean a half Sheet Prediction; and indeed I had not now adventured upon this half penny Subject but that I was inform'd a certain Paultry Fellow intended to impose on the World his Nauceous Predictions or Wooden Opinion of this Present Frost, with a Design to make me Father of his untimely Brat, and thereby not only Cheat the Publick, but bring a Scandal on the Art, as well as Disgrace on my self; for which Reason I was oblig'd to Publish this, in order to prevent that: Otherwise my Silencce might have been Constur'd to my Prejudice, and that I had been deem'd the Author of the Pamphlet above mention'd; Notwithstanding which I do again renew my Protestation, that I will not for the future Print or Publish any thing in a half sheet, unless upon some extradiordinary Occasions, in order to vindicate my Reputation from the Malicious Aspersions of a Set of Scandalous Persons who leave no Wickedness unattemped to work my utter ruin and Destruction.

A POEM on the hard Froſt.

OLd Saturn joyning with great *Mars*'s Son,
Brings Froſt and Snow as ſure as a Gun:
Sly *Venus*, tho a hot Arſe-Luſtful Bitch,
With *Saturn* turns as cold as Lapland Witch.
Mars who by Nature has a Fiery Noſe,
When touch'd by Saturn brings great Froſt and
(Snows.
The Moon with Stilbone, is a Dirty Whore
And makes the Weather colder than before.
Great Jove's Debauch'd when Saturn rules the
(Roaſt,
He ſeldom fails but ſends a Nipping Froſt.
Juſt ſo dos Mars (tho God of War and Fire)
Can Freeze ſometimes, elſe P---ge is a Lyer.
Old ſullen Chronus, call'd by other Names,
Can ſend great Floods, as well as Freeze the
(Thames,
Young Stilbone too that Starry God of Wit,
Tho' fickle in his Courſe yet winks at it.
The Dragon's Tail, throws Poiſon at the Goat,
While honeſt Jove he wears a Thread-bare Coat.
The ſturdy Ram, with Fury in his Horns,
Brings freezing Nights, and Nipping Froſty Morns.
Bold Mars rides Ramphant or'e the Virgin's
(Thighs,
And Pale fac'd Luna Lowers in the Skyes.
Great Jove ſtands Pimp, while Venus her Pranks,
And Mars Cornutes him, yet ne're gives him
(thanks,

The Winged Newes-Man ſtands bow peep and fretts,
To ſee thoſe *Stars* caught in ſuch Strumpet's Netts.
Thus lofty Orbs, Act juſt as we do here,
Sometimes in doubt, ſometimes 'twixt hope and fear.
Their mighty Beams dart down to us below,
And makes us yield whether we will or no.
Thoſe higher Fates, communicate to Men,
They give, receive, and ſend it back agen.
This preſent Froſt and Snow which we behold,
Proceeds from *Planets* that engender Cold.
Theſe ſudden Blaſts that nips our Fingers ends,
Are *Products* which thoſe Glittering Orbs do lend.
Old Saturn mixes his cold Rays with Jove,
And joines his Nature to the Queen of Love.
Who ſoon gives way to nouriſh his cold *Beams*,
And helps him forward in his worſt Extreams.
So good with bad, if yielding in that Courſe,
Inſtead of mending, makes it ten times worſe.
And ſo the *Planets*, good and bad together,
Make up this Nipping Bitter Freezing Weather.

Methinks I ſee the Thames as hard as Stone,
And *Beaus* and Ladies ſafely walk thereon.
Methinks I ſee a Lawyer in his Gown,
A *Picking* up a Madam of the Town.
Whoſe Husband's waiting till the *Bargains* made,
That he may for his Cuckoldom be paid.
Methinks I ſee the Tents and *Booths* of Sin,
So full of Fools no wiſe Men can get in.
While Clumſey Dutchmen with their fat Arſe Mates.
Teach Engliſh Mad-men how to ſlide with Skates.
Methinks I ſee ſo much of knaviſh Vice,
As if May Fair was kept upon the Ice.
Bulls, Cows, and Sheep, are bought to pleaſe the Croud,
And worſer *Beaſt* by half are there allow'd.

Note, to prevent your being Impoſed upon, by Counterfeit Copies, I have placed this following Figure in the Nature of a sigil: And another in the Title Page, in order to diſtinguiſh this from the falſe Ones; therefore if you ſee any of this Nature cry'd about Streets in my Name, without theſe Cuts above mention'd, you may be aſſured they are Counterfeits, and conſequently a notorious Cheat put upon you to get Money: Pray take care you be not impoſed upon, for there will be ſeveral Counterfeits; and this I thought fit to Caution my Reader that they might not be cheated of their Money.

I. P.

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